Baltimore County 2013/14 Edition

The Maryland Department of Planning developed the *MdProperty View* and *FINDER* Quantum downloadable products and the *FINDER* Online product to assist users in accessing Real Property (tax) maps and Parcel data, searching for parcel locations countywide and performing more sophisticated analyses. The online product and the product downloads include the State's computerized property (tax) maps; a Parcel dataset, a start-up Sale dataset and Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) datasets; and the x,y linkages (point or polygon) to the datasets. Monthly Sale dataset updates are also made available through the download website and are loaded into *FINDER* Online as they become available. From within each Parcel or Sale dataset record, users can link directly to current parcel information via the State Department of Assessments and Taxation Real Property Search website and view the tax map where a parcel is located.

The *MdProperty View* and *FINDER* Quantum downloadable products and the *FINDER* Online product are available for *free* at http://planning.maryland.gov/OurProducts/downloadFiles.shtml. For *MdProperty View*, Planning's custom ArcGIS map document file (mxd) enables users to view and analyze these data in conjunction with a wide range of other map and data layers including layers accessed via the MD iMap portal. For *FINDER* Quantum users, the *free* QGIS software and Planning's QGIS custom project file included in each product download perform this function, and *FINDER* Online users have access to a range of online tools and map display options.

For Baltimore County, the 113 property maps are current as of February 2014, the information contained in the Parcel dataset is current as of early January 2015 and the start-up Sale dataset included in the product download is for the 12-month period ending February 2015. Baltimore County has a population of 823,015 people (July 1, 2013 Census estimate) and contains 299,076 properties.

The jurisdiction surrounds Baltimore City and is bounded to the north by the State of Pennsylvania, to the east by Harford County, to the south by Anne Arundel County and the Chesapeake Bay and to the west by Carroll and Howard counties. The majority of properties, 211,815 parcels, were initially located by the subdivision lot or parcel number as shown on the property maps. The location of an additional 82,237 parcels was improved using the parcel premise address and/or account number with other source data including local parcel maps and U.S. Census Bureau TIGER/Line files and the location of 1,719 parcels was improved using the parcel premise address and/or account number with the State's Public Safety Address Points (PSAP) dataset. Thus a combined total of 295,771 (98.89%) of the 299,076 properties in the jurisdiction were located on the property maps or referenced to their location based on the parcel premise address and/or account number.

Baltimore County *MdProperty View* and *FINDER* Quantum also contain reference grids including a grid for the property (tax) maps, an ADC map book grid, a grid for the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) road, stream and feature maps and a grid for USGS 7.5' Topographical quad maps; and additional SHA files including a digital centerline roads file, data derived from SHA digital grid maps, an SHA major roads file and a county boundary file. Other map layers included are land use/land cover data; congressional and legislative district boundary files; census data; ZIP code boundary files; Priority Funding Area (PFA) designations; floodplain boundaries; protected lands boundaries; watershed data; generalized zoning designations; sewer service area boundaries; large-scale, high-resolution color digital-ortho imagery; public water service area boundaries for selected jurisdictions; National and State Historic Inventory data; and residential Sales x,y point and summary files derived from Assessments Parcel and Sale data. *FINDER* Online includes most of these map and data layers except for public water and residential Sales.

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